

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the continuing data required under 37 CFR § 1.72 is provided.

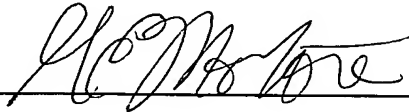
In addition, by the present amendment, original claims 1-27 have been cancelled and new claims 28-46 are presented for examination. Claims 28-42 correspond to claims filed in the parent application in the Amendments of January 7, 2003 and April 11, 2003. New claim 43 corresponds to claim 51 of the parent application filed on April 11, 2003. New claim 44 is a combination of claims 41 and 44 from the April 11, 2003 Amendment. New claim 45 is a combination of claims 41 and 45 from the April 11, 2003 Amendment. New claim 46 is a combination of claims 41 and 48 of the April 11, 2003 Amendment. Inasmuch as allowable subject matter was indicated in the July 28, 2003 Office Action in the parent application regarding claims 44, 45, and 48, allowance of these newly submitted claims 44-46 is respectfully requested. With regard to claims 28-43, as noted in the attached Request for Interview Prior to First Office Action, Applicants are in the process of preparing amendments and/or comments concerning the points of rejection raised in the July 29, 2003 Office Action in the parent case, and request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to discuss this prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in this Continuation application. Applicants and the undersigned attorney greatly appreciate the Examiner's assistance and cooperation in this regard.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Kindly charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayment of fees, to
Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (503.33468CC6).

Respectfully submitted,

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